

Aptos Branch Library Grand Opening

Key Stakeholder Lea de Wit

Artist

Lea de Wit enjoys creating sculptural installations that delight and inspire. She receives much of her inspiration from the repetition of patterns and color combinations found in nature and seeks to translate that beauty into her creations. She is most noted for designing dynamic sculptural compositions, primarily in glass and metal, with recurring themes of flora and fauna.



Lea has studied with some of the world's most esteemed glass masters in Murano, at Pilchuck Glass School, at the Corning Museum of Glass, and at Red Deer College in Canada. She has exhibited her art at acclaimed international art fairs including Context Art Miami, SOFA Chicago, and Art Expo New York. She has been commissioned to create original works of art for several major public, commercial, and private collections worldwide including Marriott, Johns Hopkins Medicine, Kaiser Permanente, the New York Proton Center, Novartis, Realty Income, Sutter Health, and California Bank & Trust.

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For the Aptos Library public art commission, I have designed two series of sculptural compositions that celebrate the redwoods to the sea theme of the library which speaks to the identity of the Aptos community while integrating beautifully with the architectural aesthetic of the library. Both series feature site specific, unique designs that are intended to be inspiring and uplifting. They are made of weathering steel (Corten) and vibrant, colorful kiln-formed glass. The two series of artwork designed for the library are colorful, playful, bright, and happy, appealing to patrons of all ages. It will delight patrons and staff alike as they will be ever-changing throughout the day and the seasons glowing in the light and casting colorful shadows on the patios, enlivening the library. It is an honor to have been able to create this artwork for our community.